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Dear Examiner Tran:

In accordance with our discussion of last week, enclosed please find a drawing which typifies an installation of the instant invention. This drawing formed the basis for Figure 2. The point of distinction between the prior art is shown in Figure 1 in the instant invention is better seen in the drawing than Figure 2. Figure 3, which is a perspective as opposed to a true top plan view, is similarly helpful.

Let us refer to the drawing and you will see that the corner piece includes an extended keyboard which has the number 22 thereon - the 22 being the size of the keyboard that extends up and out preferably or which could slide out from beneath the corner desk.

The big point that I need to make is that the front edge, which is the oblique surface behind the number 22, is recessed back from the front edge of the two returns on both sides of the corner desk (typical such returns are seen in Figure 3). By having the front edge recessed less space is taken up in the room by the person sitting at the keyboard.

I call to your attention US Patent 5,130,494 - SIMONTON or HENRIOTT 6,196,648 or more importantly NOVIKOF 5,536,078, which has been specifically cited. I refer you to Figure 20 of this patent. In all instances, the front oblique edge of the corner unit meets the front edge of the returns or cabinets of both sides of the corner unit. Other references of record include FICH and HECK.

The configurations of each of these are different as to the basic corner unit itself. See Figure 6 of FICH and Figure 1 of HECK. Note also that in FICH the returns are rectangular and not hectangular as in applicant's.

The purpose of this letter was to help distinguish the basic invention from the prior art rather

than to argue claim language.

I promised you that I would send some suggestions to be incorporated into the claims to be used prior to our discussion. Two different thoughts to describe the corner unit are set forth below. Please note that these are not full claims but only language to be incorporated into a claim.

A. ".....whereby when the keyboard is extended for use, the distance from its respective corners proximal the user *to the back of the corner* is less than the depth of any respective adjacent furniture component."

B. "... wherein the two side edges of said corner section are of lesser extension rearwardly than is the rearward extension of any adjacent furniture component, along the side of said adjacent furniture component distant from the corner section."

In the second clause I was trying to say, as can be seen from the drawings, that the side edges are basically less than twenty-four inches the overall depth of the two return drawings because the twenty-four inch dimension is the side distant from the corner for the respective return. I readily believe that the invention is different from the prior art and I am willing to work with you to achieve claim language that expresses my needs and is to your satisfaction. Any further suggestions that you can offer will be greatly appreciated. I shall be in touch with you on Thursday, per our discussion.

Respectfully,



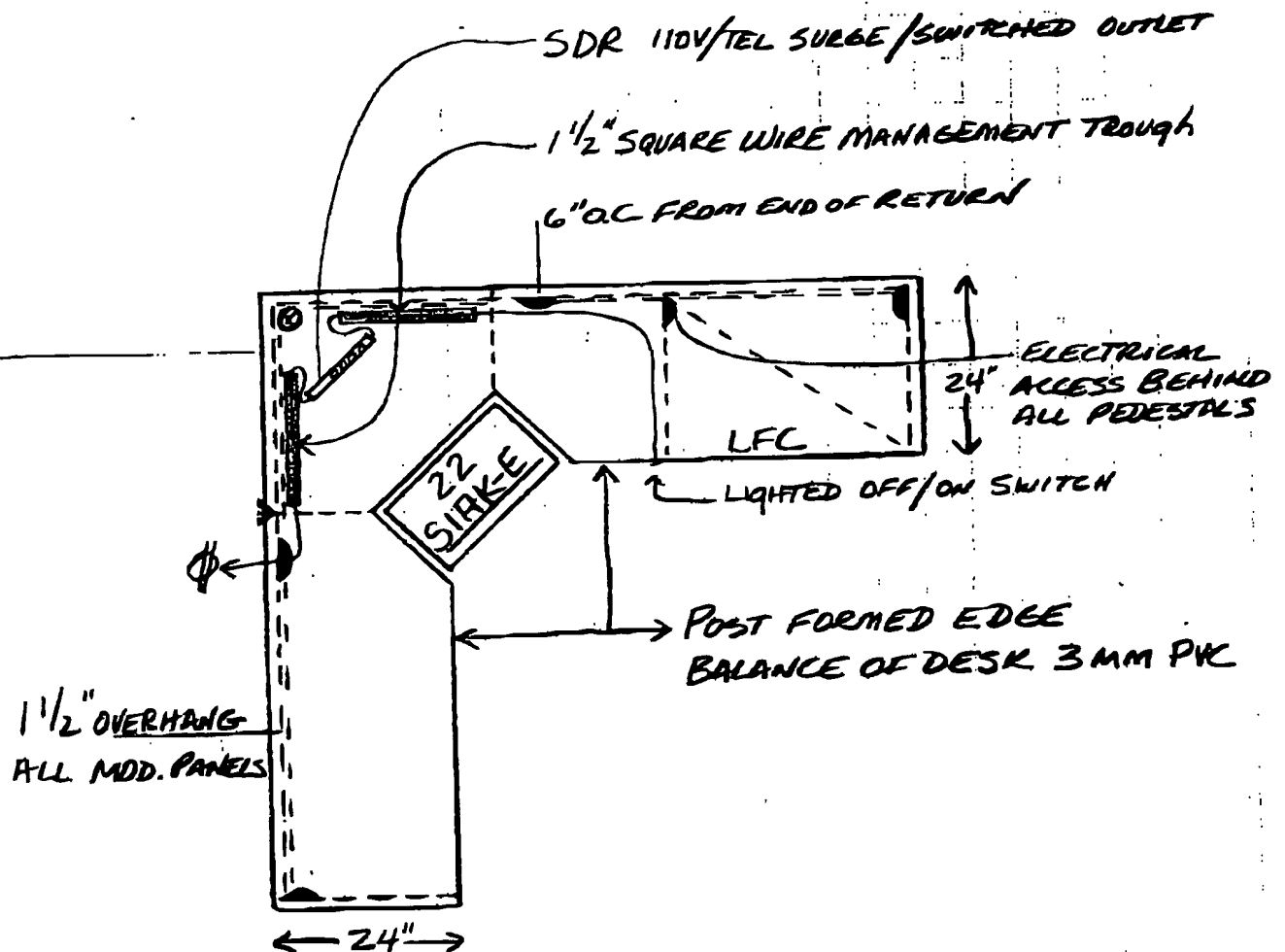
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